

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Jin, Zhihong, et al  
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**Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application, but to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed documents is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the

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right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

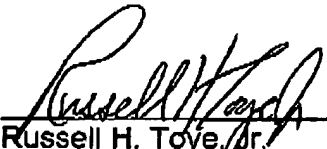
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 05-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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